



UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

CM/ECF Systems Requirements
Hardware and Software

System requirements:

- Intel Pentium II 350 MHz – Minimum 128 Megabytes of RAM.
- Internet access through an Internet service provider communicating by cable modem or Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) DSL
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